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U of T DENTISTRY LAB HIT

In the early morning hours of Sunday, February 16, 1986, a group of ALF activists entered the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry Building in an attempt to liberate some of the imprisoned animals who were being tortured in pain experiments.

Surveillance of the building had taken many months, and all of us had been inside at night on at least two or three occasions, so we had put together extremely detailed maps of the upper floors.

The target research laboratory was a major problem! First, we knew that the time between guard rounds was very short, secondly the response time by police had been estimated at approximately two minutes, which meant we'd be trapped in the building if we accidentally triggered an alarm and thirdly, the doors and the inside of the lab were under 24-hour video coverage. Despite all these obstacles the lab was felt to be such a hell-hole, that those involved in the planning voted unanimously to go ahead with the raid!

So, that Sunday morning, as soon as it was felt to be safe, we made our way, in one's and two's to the point of entry. Those who were on watch outside would remain in close contact via the C.B. Radio.

Once inside, we made our way to Sessle's office, (the bastard in charge of the pain studies) intending to get documentation on the research. Unfortunately, our tools were not strong enough to break the lock and so, as time was running short, we decided to go to the fifth floor where an attempt would be made to enter the lab via the window of an adjacent meeting room and then from there, across the roof.

We discovered very quickly that the window glass was shatterproof, which, naturally increased our determination to smash through it! Once that was done, we discovered a second shatterproof pane behind the first one!

Again, determination enabled us to break the window - but it cost us an enormous amount of time (again lack of proper tools - damn!) and the noise was incredible! We were so concerned we chanced breaking radio silence to check with the activists outside to see if the sounds of crashing glass could be heard from the street!

Once through the window there was an 8-foot drop to the roof and a 10 yard sprint across to the lab wall. Two of us stayed in the main building, manning the radio, handing out tools to those on the roof and watching and listening for both guards or movement from the three main elevators. The rest of the group made their way across to the laboratory.

A quick examination of the laboratory roof and walls made us realise that we would have to try going in through the wall. Several layers of material were ripped away with more brute force than finesse, but when our time-keeper noted that we had been inside the building for more than three hours, it became apparent that we were not equipped to complete the break-in to the lab in the time we had left.

THE FRUSTRATION AND RAGE ONE FELT AT BEING SO CLOSE TO THE ANIMALS AND UNABLE TO GET TO THEM WAS INDESCRIBABLE! THE THOUGHT OF GOING OUT WITHOUT THEM TORE US ALL APART!

With some difficulty, and by lowering chairs onto the roof, we managed to get the group back through the jagged hole in the window without injury. Then, we all decided to return to Sessle's office where we daubed the area with ALF slogans.

After this we wandered into some adjacent areas and smashed some equipment and defaced the walls with slogans. Economic sabotage is hardly as satisfying as liberating animals, but we were to feel much more satisfied several days later when we learned the damage amounted to at least \$10,000.00!!

By now we had been inside the Dentistry building for over four hours and our time-keeper was getting really edgy, to say the least, and so we decided to get out while we could.

We made our way to the exit point where we left, again in two's and three's, after checking with our outside contacts that all was clear.

It may have been four months since this action, but all the activists involved are spiritually still inside that building. How can we find peace when we still think of those we left behind!

ALF Canada

(N.B. Perhaps those who wonder why the Support Group solicits donations will understand more clearly after reading the above account of the raid! Without the proper equipment, the ALF can do nothing. And, without homes for liberated animals, they can do even less!)



"Fighting in the front lines for Animal Liberation"

ACTION REPORTS

March 1986 - Oak Ridges

The ALF made a return visit to 'Farmer Brown'. They found two dogs chained up and whimpering with fear.

As Farmer Brown hadn't learned from the first visit, one liberator took the dogs to safety while the others checked the barn. The barn was empty, so it was torched.

Good day, 'Farmer Brown'.

Toronto - April, 1986

Van belonging to Victory Furs had its tyres slashed, was spraypainted with the words, 'SCUM', 'MURDERERS' and 'ALF'. Windscreen wipers were bent and the windscreen was smashed.

Toronto - April 19, 1986

Locks glued and windows defaced with glass-cutters at Weissman Furs, Frankel Furs and Furs by Finn

Toronto - April 27, 1986

Cooks Meat Market and Cowiesons Meats decorated with 'Meat is Murder' slogans and locks glued.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS

Australia:

July - December, 1985

Four rats, due to be gassed and used for dissection, rescued from school.

Numerous attacks on butcher shops, windows smashed, locks glued and graffiti painted.

Numerous attacks on fur shops, sheepskin shops and gunshops. Again, locks were glued and stores were covered in graffiti.

Vivisection labs covered with graffiti.

New Zealand:

October, 1985

Several thousands of dollars worth of damage done to the Deerstalkers Association when four molotov cocktails were hurled through the open windows of the empty building. Outer walls were covered in graffiti.

France:

1985 (No date)

Bulldozer that was used to destroy wildlife habitat was damaged.

Attack on a meat company resulted in three trucks being damaged and one being burned.

(Our thanks go to the Australian Newsletter - Direct Action For Animal Rights - for the previous information.)

FARM FREEDOM FIGHTERS

The following press release was sent to the Support Group for immediate release:

Animal Liberation at Mid-Atlantic Factory Farm!

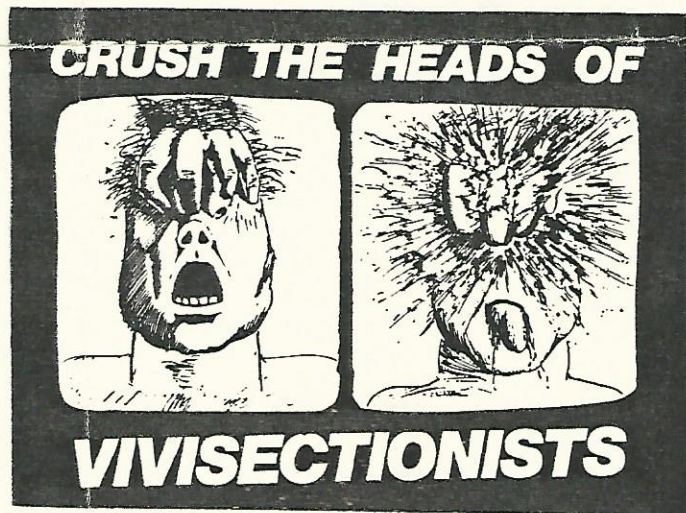
On Wednesday, June 4, 1986, the Farm Freedom Fighters liberated 25 laying hens from a Mid-Atlantic battery egg operation. According to Farm Sanctuary, the spokesgroup for the liberators, this is the first direct farm animal liberation ever conducted in the United States.

Farm Sanctuary was alerted to the liberation when an anonymous caller contacted the group early Wednesday morning and identified himself/herself as a member of the Farm Freedom Fighters. A videotape of the actual liberation, photographs and a detailed description of the liberation was left for Farm Sanctuary. The videotape contains footage of the liberators, the battery egg operation, and the hens. The tape also shows the liberators spray-painting slogans such as "Animal Auschwitz" and "Battery cages are torture chambers" on the walls of the hen warehouse. A note was left for the egg producers urging them to stop using battery cages. (Copies of the

videotape and photographs are available upon request - contact: Farm Sanctuary, P.O. Box 37, Rockland, DE 19732, U.S.A.).

The Farm Freedom Fighters targeted the egg industry because it is one of the largest abusers of farm animals. Over 95% of the eggs sold today are produced in the battery cage system where four to five laying hens are crammed into a bare wire cage commonly measuring 12" x 18". The extreme overcrowding results in extensive feather loss, skin damage, and feet malformations. The raising of laying hens in these stressful conditions poses serious health hazards for humans as well. The birds are fed enormous quantities of antibiotics to reduce the high disease and mortality rates resulting from intensive confinement systems. Many medical experts fear the rampant use of antibiotics is creating antibiotic-resistant bacteria in humans, a condition which renders life-saving drugs useless.

According to a statement made by the Farm Freedom Fighters, "This action is the first of many farm animal liberations. Our war against farm animal oppression will continue until all farm animals are free from the brutality of factory farms."



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